unbundled elements because Congress intended that incumbent LECs offer interconnection and unbundled elements as long as technically feasible, regardless of cost. 22/

Incumbent LECs cannot unbundle an element that does not exist at all or does not exist in the requested location. This is a matter of technological and physical reality. The 1996 Act provides that competitors have access to the existing network, not a technological ideal as conceived by competitors. The requested clarification also would minimize the possibility of substantial, inefficient expenditures by incumbent LECs to meet the projected needs of aspiring competitors that ultimately are not realized.

III. CONCLUSION

Consistent with this Reply, LECC respectfully requests the Commission to grant its petition to reconsider certain aspects of the First Order and to clarify others, while denying or dismissing oppositions thereto.

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